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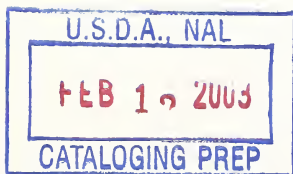
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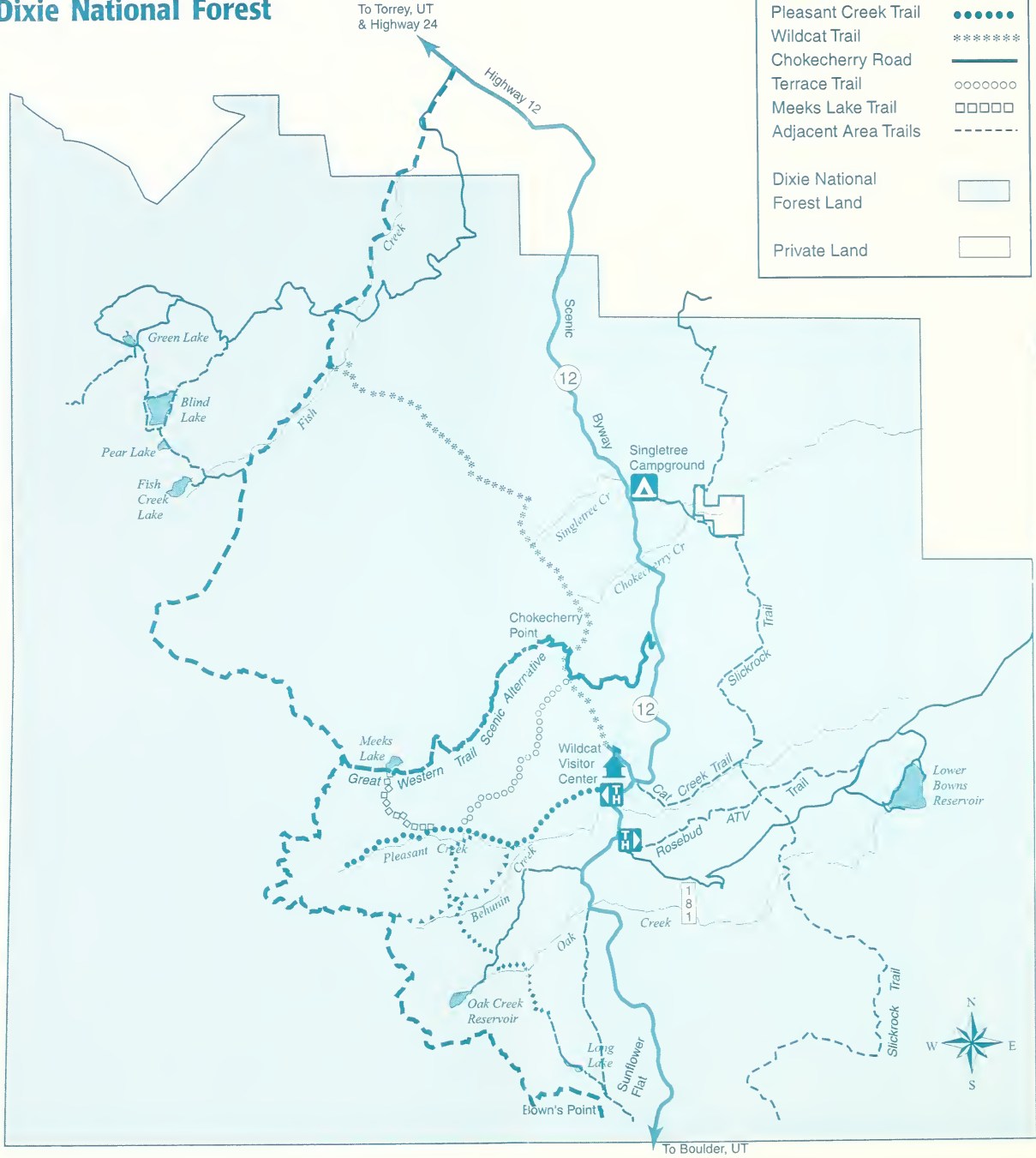
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Pleasant Creek Trails

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Legend

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- Bear Flat Trail ●●●●●●
- Great Western Trail - - - - -
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- Wildcat Trail *****
- Chokecherry Road —————
- Terrace Trail ○○○○○○
- Meeks Lake Trail □□□□□
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Pleasant Creek Trails Guide

Welcome to the Teasdale Ranger District. This guide will help you select a trail to hike that's appropriate for the time you have to spend, and your fitness level. The route is described to help you follow the trail more easily. Trail lengths and elevations are approximate.

Behunin Creek Trail (2.5 miles) ▲▲▲▲▲

From the trailhead on the Pleasant Creek Trail, the trail descends through a meadow, crossing a creek. It then climbs to the top of Boulder Mountain, passing through groves of aspen and pine interspersed with meadows. This well-marked trail ascends 1600 feet. The last 600-foot stretch is steep, but switchbacks soften the climb. At the top the trail accesses the Great Western Trail, where you'll enjoy spectacular views.

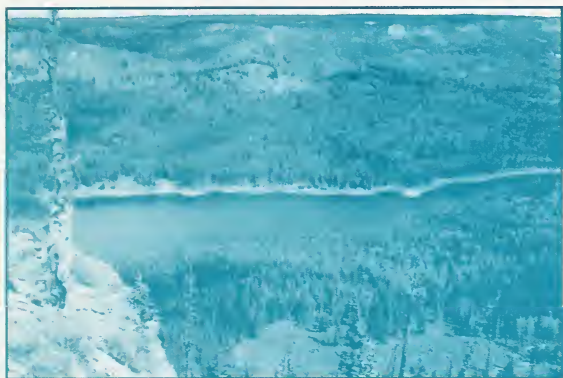


View from the Behunin Trail

Bear Flat Trail (3 miles) ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

The trail is marked by rock cairns to the forest edge. In the forest, trail blazes at eye level are evident on trees. The trail ascends through aspen and crosses meadows. Stay left of the wire fence, remaining on the trail as it reenters aspen forest and ascends steeply. The trail crosses a meadow bordered by a wire fence,

and continues up through spruce forest, leading west. It enters a wide meadow with a breathtaking view of Lower Bowns Reservoir. A sign in a cluster of aspen guides you to Behunin Creek Trail and Boulder Top. The trail continues south, crossing the Oak Creek Reservoir Road. It then continues until it connects with the High Ranger Trail near Scout Lake.



Long Lake as seen from the Great Western Trail

Great Western Trail (16 miles)

Accessed at many points, the Great Western Trail (GWT) provides miles of lovely Boulder Top hiking with scenic views.

From the trailhead at Sunflower Flat, the Great Western Trail ascends toward Boulder Top to Bown's Point. It is marked by rock cairns and trail signs. Watch for blazed trees as the trail ascends through aspen and spruce/alpine fir forests and a recent prescribed burn area. Atop Boulder Mountain (1.5 miles), the trail crosses a logworm fence and continues along the rim.

After .5 miles you can descend back to Sunflower Flat. Cross the log fence along the rim's edge and enter a wide stock drive. The drive funnels into a trail that traverses alpine forest and meadow; it widens into a roadway as it passes Long Lake, returning to the GWT trailhead at Sunflower Flat.

From Bown's Point, the GWT continues to the north and west, about 10 to 40 feet from the rim. It is marked with rock cairns, signs, and blazed trees. Just south of the Behunin Creek cutoff, it turns right immediately after a plastic trail marker with an arrow. (Don't be confused by an old road and signs prohibiting vehicular traffic.) From Behunin Creek to Pleasant Lake watch carefully for trail markings, especially when the trail crosses meadows and rock outcroppings.

From Pleasant Lake, the trail follows the rim to Meeks Lake. At the lake is a trail junction. The GWT goes left, passing Meeks Lake as it follows a two-track road to Beef Meadows. At Beef Meadows, the trail is marked by signs and rock cairns to the head of Fish Creek. It then descends from Boulder Top to the Fish Creek Trailhead, about 3 miles.

Pleasant Creek Trail (3.5 miles) ●●●●●

The Pleasant Creek Trailhead is .3 miles south of the Wildcat Visitor Center. The trail and 4-wheel drive access follows the Pleasant Creek drainage. This rough road connects with the Behunin Creek Trail (1.5 miles from the trailhead), Terrace Trail and Bear Flat Trail (2.5 miles from the trailhead), and Meeks Lake Trail (3.5 miles from the trailhead). You will need to connect with the Meeks Lake or Behunin Creek Trails to access the Boulder Top.

Wildcat Trail (26.8 miles) * * * * *

This trail begins at the Wildcat Visitor Center. It is marked by trailposts. It begins as an old logging road, then follows a fence line, crosses a wire gate, and continues up to the intersection with the Terrace Trail and Chokecherry Road (1.75 miles). The Wildcat Trail follows the Chokecherry Road for .5 miles, then ascends northeast, providing access to Fish Creek, Green Lake, Pear Lake, Blind Lake and Donkey Lake, and ends at Cook's Lake.

Terrace Trail (2.7 miles) ○○○○○○

The Terrace Trail is entered from the Pleasant Creek Trail, across from the Bear Flat Trailhead. The trail is marked by blazes and cairns as it weaves through forest, meadows, and aspen groves. Be alert for trail markers when the trail enters or leaves a meadow. Your efforts will be rewarded when you see interesting tree carvings, many dating from the 1930's and 1940's. The trail maintains a steady elevation, ending at the intersection of Wildcat Trail and Chokecherry Road.

Chokecherry Road (2.5 miles) —————

This well-defined but rocky 4-wheel-drive road ascends from Highway 12 just north of the Larb Hollow Overlook, maintaining a steady but moderate uphill grade. At a saddle northwest of the Wildcat Visitor Center (1 mile), the road intersects the Terrace and Wildcat Trails. It then continues up to Chokecherry Point (2 miles) and Beef Meadows (6 miles). At Chokecherry Point a trail to the left follows the rim, accessing the GWT and Meeks Lake Trail.



View of Lower Bown's Reservoir as seen from Chokecherry Point

What to wear....

Weather conditions can change rapidly, and rainstorms occur frequently on summer afternoons. Be sure to bring a light coat or jacket suitable for rain. Wear sturdy boots or shoes.

What to bring....

Always carry your own drinking water. **Do not drink from lakes or streams.** The water may contain coliform bacteria that can cause illness. Bring high-energy food or snacks, insect repellent, and a first aid kit. It's a good idea to carry a topographic map of the area if you plan to leave established trails. Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.

Types of travel....

All trails are open to foot, horse and bicycle travel. Please check the Dixie National Forest Travel Map for roads and trails open to motorized travel. The Chokecherry Road is unimproved and rough, high clearance 4-wheel drive vehicles or ATV's are required.

We hope you'll enjoy the Pleasant Creek area. Please help make it a great experience for the next hiker by packing out everything you take in. Obtain detailed maps and information on trail conditions before beginning long hikes. Maps and information are available at :

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Wildcat Visitor Center
Highway 12, 4 miles south of Singletree
Campground